

ROBOT×LASERBEAM

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Robato Hatohara, a stupidly serious, creepily thorough and socially clueless high school boy, appears to have no interest in anything—including joining his friend Tomoya in the golf club. But when it's discovered that his perfect accuracy and calculations enable him to golf like a practiced professional, will he be able to escape playing golf?

PREVIOUSLY IN *ROBOT×LASERBEAM*

After Robato Hatohara demonstrates his perfect swing, famous high school golfer Yozan Miura declares him to be his rival! But for their rivalry to actually grow, Robo needs to join the golf club and become a regular. A second-year student and regular, Rion Osanai, takes Robo under his wing to accomplish this goal and help him get a score of 70 before the training camp. Robo survives the athletic training for the team, but his score isn't good enough to compete in the training camp. But then Kyosuke Suzaku, a.k.a. "the Emperor," appears and challenges Robo to play against him in the practice match! The match begins, and Robo is losing by only a little. But then Suzaku hits his ball into what appears to be an impossible-to-recover spot, only to make a perfect lob shot right into the hole! Meanwhile, the second-years gear up for their own matches as Rion tees off against the loudmouth Takeshi. But right behind him is the nonchalant, seemingly cool Karasuma and his monstrous opponent Kaoru Sejima. Karasuma is behind on his score, but the Wedge Wizard's got a few tricks up his sleeve and manages to get an eagle. As the match reaches the halfway point, the coach suddenly reveals that Robo's score will count in the practice match, putting the entire team at risk of losing!

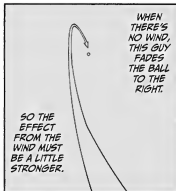


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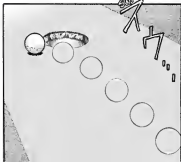
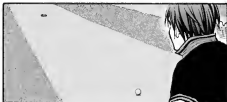
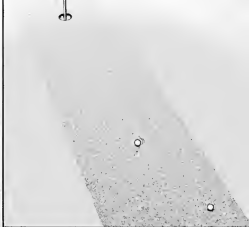


Round 22: Counterattack







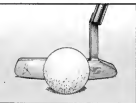




...THERE'S
THE
SLIGHTEST
SLOPE THAT
HOOKS
LEFT JUST
BEFORE
THE CUP.

I
THOUGHT
IT'D GO
STRAIGHT,
BUT...

OH?



IT'S
GONNA
GO IN!





**FOCUS
MORE!**



THOSE
EYES IN
PARTICU-
LAR.



HEH
HEH.
NICE.



...NOW I
KNOW
FOR
SURE.

AT
FIRST
IT WAS
HARD
TO
TELL,
BUT...



YOU HAVE
THE SAME
LOOK IN
YOUR EYES
AS YO-KUN.



...YOU
SEEM TO
BE ONE
OF US!

WE'RE
A RARE
BREED—
QUITE
FEW IN
NUMBER,
BUT...



...SUITED
FOR THE
WORLD OF
PROFESSIONAL
COMPETITION.

ROBO
MIGHT
ACTUALLY
BE...

I
THOUGHT
SO TOO,
AT FIRST,
BUT...

HE
SAID SO
HIMSELF—
HE'S NOT
SUITED
FOR IT.

HUH?

ISN'T
IT THE
OTHER
WAY
AROUND?

...



EITHER
THEY'LL
CALMLY
THROW
IN THE
TOWEL.

OR DIVE INTO
THE MATCH
DESPERATELY—
ALL OR
NOTHING.

USUALLY
WHEN A
TYPICAL
PLAYER...

...FACES
AN OPPONENT
WHO IS CLEARLY
BETTER THAN
THEM, THEY'LL
REACT ONE OF
TWO WAYS.



THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
GOOD
GOLFER'S...

...BUT NOT
MANY
THAT CAN
PLAY LIKE
THAT.

BUT ROBO
IS STAYING
CALM WHILE
DIVING IN.



IN
OTHER
WORDS,
THE
TRUTH
IS...

...HE
HIMSELF
JUST
DOESN'T
REALIZE
HOW
COMPETI-
TIVE HE
IS.

IN THE GAME
OF GOLF, IF
YOU LOSE YOUR
HEAD AND GET
RILED UP, YOU'LL
DO NOTHING
BUT SPIN YOUR
WHEELS.

NEVER-
THELESS,
YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
NOT GOING TO
WIN IF YOU
PLAY IT SAFE
EITHER.

ROBO
HAS THE
MAKINGS OF
A WINNING
GOLFER.

HE'S GOT A
COMPETITIVE
DRIVE HIDDEN
UNDER THAT
POKER FACE.

I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT THAT. IT
STILL DOESN'T
CHANGE THE FACT
THAT THE WAY
HE'S PLAYING IS
VERY RISKY.

HUH
?!

...YOU'RE
SAYING WE
CAN WIN
THIS MATCH
THANKS TO
ROBO-
KUN?!

THEN
...

AND WHEN
THEY DO,
I'M CERTAIN
IT'LL MAKE
FOR AN
INTEREST-
ING GAME.

...WHAT
THEY
HAVE TO
DO TO
WIN.

BUT WHEN THE
SECOND- AND
THIRD-YEARS
HEAR ABOUT THE
WAY ROBO'S
PLAYING, I'M
SURE THEY'LL
REALIZE...



ROBO'S...
GOING WITH
THAT METHOD
OF ATTACK?!

HUH
?!



GEH
...!

HA
HA!



OKAY!
GOOD
LUCK!

THANKS
FOR
LETTING
ME
KNOW.
YOU
CAN
GO
NOW.



THAT
IDIOT'S
ATTEMPTING
THE
IMPOSSIBLE.



BUT
THANKS
TO HIM,
I'M
AWAKE
NOW.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO PLAY
AN EVEN
MORE
RISKY
GAME?

SO... WE
REALLY
HAVE TO
DO THAT
TO WIN?

HM?



...IS THAT HE
STILL DOESN'T
HAVE THE SKILLS
TO WIN. HE HAS
TO PLAY THAT
WAY IF HE WANTS
TO HAVE ANY
KIND OF STAKE
IN THIS MATCH.

THE ONLY
REASON
ROBO'S
BEING SO
RECKLESS



IT'S THE
OTHER WAY
AROUND.

I'M NOT
GOING
TO DO
ANYTHING
CRAZY.

...!!

THE IMPACT
OF EVERYONE
GETTING THOSE
GREENS UNDER
REGULATION
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
START OF THE
SECOND HALF...

...MADE
OUR
OPPONENT
SEEM
GREATER
THAN THEY
ARE.

NO MATTER HOW
GOOD TOMOKO
INTERNATIONAL
MAY BE, THERE
SHOULDN'T REALLY
BE THAT BIG OF A
GAP THAT WOULD
BAR US FROM ANY
CHANCE AT
VICTORY.

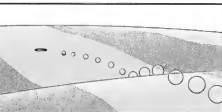
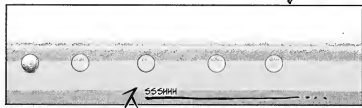
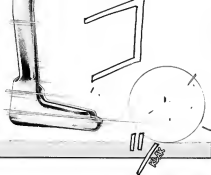
BUT WE
SECOND-
AND
THIRD-
YEARS
AREN'T
LIKE
THAT.

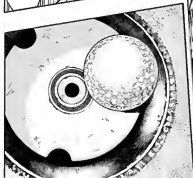
WE'LL
FIGHT
WITH
OUR
OWN
STYLES
OF
GOLF!

WE'LL
JUST DO
OUR
BEST.

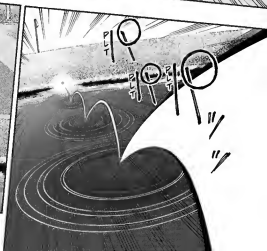
IN ORDER
TO WIN, WE
SECOND- AND
THIRD-YEARS
SHOULDN'T
TRY TO DO
ANYTHING
BEYOND OUR
ABILITY.

15th Hole, Par 3
Green











**ULTRA-
MARINE
DROPLET!!**



ONE OF
THE SEVEN
COLORED
APPROACH
TECHNIQUES

WHOOAAA!
THERE
IT IS!!

THE
ULTRA-
MARINE
DROPLET!!



NOT
GOOD.

CRAP.

AND YET...HE
WAS ABLE TO
CONTROL
ALL THAT BY
PULLING A
STUNT LIKE
SKIPPING IT
ACROSS THE
WATER?!



THERE'S A
STRONG WIND
SWIRLING IN
AROUND THE
PUTTING
GREEN ON
THIS HOLE
THAT MAKES IT
DIFFICULT TO
HIT IT CLOSE.

WHAT
...?!



NOT
THE WAY
I AM
RIGHT
NOW

I
CAN'T
BEAT
HIM...

SOTA
KARASUMA!



THIS
IS THE
WEDGE
WIZARD,
WHO
EVEN THE
EMPEROR
ACKNOWLEDGES.



16th Hole, Par 5
275 yards remaining

IT'S
SO
HIGH!
THIS
IS...

WHAT
THE
...?!

...A HIGH-
TRAJECTORY
"SERPENT
BITE"?!

HE'S
RIDING THE
TAILWIND...

...AIMING TO
MAKE THE
GREEN IN
TWO SHOTS
ON A PAR 5
HOLE.

WNNNN
WOOOO



HE
COULD
GET AN
EAGLE!

HE
DID IT! A
GREEN
UNDER
REGULA-
TION!!

*An eagle is a score of two-under-par on a hole



WHOA,
ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME...?!

HOW'S
THAT
FOR
YA?!



Tohoku International		Eia! Academy	
Takeshi Fuwa	-2	VS	-2 Ken Osenai
Toma Kagesawa	-1	VS	-2 Gen Kurada
Daigo Munakata	-2	VS	Retired Shinkaro Hiragi
Kaoru Sejima	~~E~~	VS	-4 Sota Karasuma
Kyosuke Sutsuku	-5	VS	+1 Babara Matsuhara
TOTAL		TOTAL	
-10		-7	

...BUT
NOW EIA'S
GOTTEN IT
DOWN TO
THREE!

THERE WAS
A HUGE GAP
OF SIX
STROKES
BETWEEN
THEM AT THE
START...



THEY'RE
HOT ON
THEIR
TAILS!

SU TO BE CONTINUED...